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Notes from a conversation that took place between HLRP and SRP in the living room at The Homestead on 10-22-77:

SRP: "Did Grandma Russell know how to drive a car?"

HLRP: "Oh yes. Mom drove well. She drove Louise into town when she went to eighth grade. That was the Chevy coupe. She continued to drive until Louise was sixteen. Then we got the two-door sedan. We [Helen and Louise] parked the car at Aunt Nettie's and Aunt Jennie's and walked up to the school."

"Before we got the car Mom used to drive into town in the buggy with Roxy, her carriage horse. One time Mom was in the buggy at the tracks by Zazzera's--before they built the viaduct--and a train was coming. Some men in front of the store thought the horse might be nervous with the train coming and all and so they took a hold of the harness and Roxy reared. Mom was able to manage... one night we were eating supper and someone came to the door and said that they had just hit a horse on the road. It was Roxy."

"Mom was one of the first ones to get her license. In those days you just sent in for it. It cost a dollar. Mom should never have let her license expire. When she did she became dependent on everyone to drive her wherever she wanted to go. She never should have let it expire."

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